

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:

*Friedman et al.*

Appl. No.: 10/780,295

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For: Modulators of Body Weight,  
Corresponding Nucleic Acids and  
Proteins, and Diagnostic and  
Therapeutic Uses Thereof

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**Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2007, in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response, as well as authorization for the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-4293, referencing Docket No. 16454.0002 D1, for the fee associated with the accompanying petition.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection and objection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

**Exhibits** begin on page 19 of this paper.